

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 191

By Bell

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Tom B. Hughes III on being named the Athens 2011 Man of the Year by *The Daily Post Athenian*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Tom B. Hughes III, who was recently named the Athens 2011 Man of the Year by *The Daily Post Athenian*. Mr. Hughes was presented with this prestigious honor at the 2011 Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meetings on January 27, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the co-founder of SouthEast Bank and Trust, Tom Hughes III is SouthEast Bank's President and Chief Operating Officer and works tirelessly to promote Athens and improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hughes also currently serves with acumen and alacrity on the Board of Directors for the Athens Utility Board; and

WHEREAS, Tom Hughes is a dedicated civic leader who has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizens of the highest order through his work with numerous boards and organizations. He has rendered sterling service as the past president of the McMinn County Economic Development Authority, the Athens Kiwanis Club, the Athens Civitan Club, by which he was named Civitan of the Year, and the YMCA Board, which he also served as Director and which granted him the 2001 YMCA Volunteer of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, he is also a member of the Tennessee Bankers Association, the American Bankers Association, the Independent Bankers Association, the Athens Kiwanis Club, and the Alzheimer's Association; and

WHEREAS, his many professional achievements aside, Mr. Hughes is a devoted member of Keith United Methodist Church, where he serves as a member of the Board of Trustees, the Finance committee, the Staff Parish committee, and the Building committee; and

WHEREAS, Tom Hughes epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the success of Tennessee, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Mr. Hughes, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, for his innumerable contributions to the people of this State, especially to the citizens of Athens, it is fitting that Tom Hughes III should be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Tom B. Hughes III on being named the Athens 2011 Man of the Year by *The Daily Post Athenian*, thank him for his meritorious service to the citizens of Athens and the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.